AN ORDER AND DECLARATION

Of His Highneſs

The Lord Protector,

With the advice of his Council,

FOR

An Aſſeſsment

Of threeſcore thouſand pounds by the Moneth, for ſix Moneths, for and towards the Maintenance of the Armies and Navies of this Commonwealth.

Thurſday February 8. 1654.

ORdered by His Highneſs the Lord Protector, and His Council, That this Order and Declaration be forthwith Printed and Publiſhed.

Henry Scobell, Clerk of the Council.

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ORDER

AN ORDER AND DECLARATION

Of His Highness the Lord Protector, with the advice of His Council, for

An Assessment

Of threescore thousand pounds by the Moneth, for six Moneths, for and towards the maintenance of the Armies and Navies of this Commonwealth.

Whereas in the seven and twentieth Article of the Government of the Common-wealth of England, Scotland, and Ireland, it is expressed as followeth, That a Constant yearly Revenue shall be raised, settled and established for maintaining ten

thouſand Horſe and Dragoons, and twenty thouſand Foot, in *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*, for the Defence and Security thereof, and alſo for a convenient number of Ships, for guarding the Seas, beſides two hundred thouſand pounds *per annum*, for defraying other neceſſary Charges for Adminiſtration of Juſtice, and other Expences of the Government; which Revenue ſhall be raiſed by the Cuſtoms, and ſuch other waies and means as ſhall be agreed upon by the Lord Protector and Council, and ſhall not be taken away or diminiſhed, nor the way agreed upon for raiſing the ſame, altered, but by conſent of the Lord Protector and the Parliament. **And whereas in purſuance of the ſaid ſeven and twentieth Article of the Government, upon Conſideration had by his Highneſs the Lord Protector and his Council, how the ſaid Revenue might be raiſed with greateſt eaſe to the people, It was Agreed upon and Declared by his Highneſs and his Council, That the ſame ſhould be raiſed (among other things) by the Cuſtomes and Subſidies upon Goods and Merchandizes, and by the Duty of Exciſe and New Impoſt, and by a Tax of eighty thouſand pounds** per menſem, **to be raiſed in** England, Scotland, **and** Ireland, **from and after the five and twentieth day of** December **One thouſand ſix hundred fifty and four, whereof the proportion to be raiſed in** England **is alſo agreed by his Highneſs and his Council, not to exceed the ſum of threeſcore thouſand pounds by the Moneth, to be aſſeſſed, taxed, levied, collected and paid, (laying as is hereafter expreſſed) in ſuch manner, and by ſuch Waies and means as the ſum of one hundred and twenty thouſand pounds**

bythe Moneth, by an Act of Parliament, Entituled, An Act for an Aſſeſsment, at the rate of one hundred and twenty thouſand pounds by the Moneth, for ſix Moneths, from the twenty fifth day of December, One thouſand ſix hundred and fifty three, to the four and twentieth day of June, then next enſuing, towards the maintenance of the Armies and Navies of this Common-wealth, was appointed to be Taxed, Aſſeſſed, Levied, Collected, and Paid, and according to the ſeveral Rates and Proportions of the Moyety of the Reſpective Summes by the ſaid Act ſet upon the Reſpective Counties, Cities and Places therein mentioned, That is to ſay,

Upon the County of Bedford, the ſum of eight hundred pounds.

The County of Berks, the ſum of nine hundred thirty three pounds ſix ſhillings and eight pence.

The City and County of the City of Briſtol, the ſumme of one hundred fourty ſix pounds thirteen ſhillings and four pence.

The County of Buckingham, the ſum of one thouſand one hundred pounds.

The County of Cambridge, the ſumme of nine hundred and fourty five pounds.

The Iſle of Ely, the ſumme of three hundred and fifteen pounds.

The County of Cheſter, the ſum of ſix hundred and ſixty pounds.

The City and County of the City of Cheſter, the ſumme of ſeventy three pounds ſix ſhillings and eight pence.

The County of Cornwall, the ſumme of

one thouſand four hundred pounds.

The County of Cumberland, the ſumme of ninety two pounds eleven ſhillings and four pence.

The County of Derby, the ſumme of eight hundred pounds.

The County of Devon, the ſumme of two thouſand five hundred ſeventy four pounds thirteen ſhillings and four pence.

The City and County of the City of Exon, the ſum of ninety two pounds.

The County of Dorſet, the ſum of eleven hundred twenty four pounds three ſhillings and four pence.

The Town and County of Pool, the ſumme of nine pounds three ſhillings and four pence.

The County of Durham, the ſumm of one hundred thirty one pounds fifteen ſhillings one penny farthing.

The County of York, with the City and County of the City of York, the ſumm of two thouſand ſix hundred and eight pounds thirteen ſhillings and four pence.

The Town and County of Kingſton upon Hull, the Summe of fifty and eight pounds.

The County of Eſſex, the ſumm of three thouſand pounds.

The County of Glouceſter, the Summ of one thouſand three hundred ninety four pounds.

The City and County of the City of Glouceſter, the ſumme of one hundred thirty nine pounds ſix ſhillings and eight pence.

The

The County of Hereford, the ſumm of one thouſand pounds.

The County of Hertford, the ſumm of one thouſand two hundred pounds.

The County of Huntingdon, the ſum of five hundred thirty three pounds ſix ſhillings and eight pence.

The County of Kent, With the City and County of the City of Canterbury, the ſumme of three thouſand one hundred thirty three pounds ſix ſhillings eight pence.

The County of Lancaſter, the ſum of eight hundred pounds.

The County of Leiceſter, the ſum of nine hundred thirty three pounds ſix ſhillings and eight pence.

The County of Lincoln, with the City and County of the City of Lincoln, the Summe of two thouſand three hundred thirty three pounds ſix ſhillings and eight pence.

The City of London, the ſum of four thouſand pounds.

The County of Middleſex, with the City and Liberty of Weſtminſter, the ſum of one thouſand five hundred thirty three pounds ſix ſhillings eight pence.

The County of Monmouth, the ſum of four hundred pounds.

The County of Northampton, the Summe of one thouſand two hundred pounds.

The

The County of Nottingham, the ſumm of ſeven hundred ſeventy four pounds four ſhillings.

The Town and County of the Town of Nottingham, the ſum of twenty five pounds ſixteen ſhillings.

The County of Norfolk, the ſumme of three thouſand one hundred and ſix pounds thirteen ſhillings and four pence.

The City and County of the City of Norwich, the ſum of one hundred and ſixty pounds.

The County of Northumberland, the Summe of one hundred fifty four pounds five ſhillings ſix pence three farthings.

The Town of Newcaſtle, the ſum of thirty pounds and ten ſhillings.

The County of Oxon, the Summe of nine hundred ſixty ſix pounds thirteen ſhillings and four pence.

The County of Rutland, the ſumm of two hundred thirty three pounds, ſix ſhillings and eight pence.

The County of Salop, the Sum of one thouſand one hundred thirty three pounds ſix ſhillings and eight pence.

The County of Stafford, the ſum of ſeven hundred eighty eight pounds.

The City and County of the City of Litchfield, the ſum of twelve pounds.

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The County of Somerſet, the Sum of Two thouſand three hundred thirty three Pounds ſix ſhillings and eight pence.

The County of Southampton, with the Town and County of Southampton, the Sum of One thouſand ſeven hundred thirty three Pounds ſix ſhillings and eight pence.

The County of Suffolk, the Sum of Three thouſand one hundred thirty three Pounds ſix ſhillings and eight pence.

The County of Surrey, the Sum of One thouſand three hundred forty one Pounds thirteen ſhillings and four pence.

The Borough of Southwark, the Sum of One hundred fifty eight Pounds ſix ſhillings eight pence.

The County of Suſſex, the Sum of One thouſand ſix hundred thirty three Pounds ſix ſhillings and eight pence.

The County of Warwick, with the City and County of the City of Coventry, the Sum of One thouſand ſixty ſix Pounds thirteen ſhillings and four pence.

The County of Worceſter, the Sum of One thouſand and thirteen Pounds ſix ſhillings and eight pence.

The City and County of the City of Worceſter, the Sum of Fifty three Pounds ſix ſhillings and eight pence.

The County of Wilts, the Sum of One thouſand ſix hundred ſixty ſix Pounds thirteen ſhillings and four pence.

The County of Weſtmerland, the Sum of Sixty three Pounds eight ſhillings.

The Iſle of Angleſey, the Sum of One hundred and ſixteen Pounds ſix ſhillings and eight pence.

The

The County of Brecknock, the Sum of Three hundred and ten Pounds.

The County of Cardigan, the Sum of Three hundred sixty six Pounds.

The County of Carmarthen, the Sum of Three hundred and two Pounds.

The County of Carnarvan, the Sum of One hundred seventy three Pounds six shillings and eight pence.

The County of Denbigh, the Sum of Two hundred thirty three Pounds six shillings and eight pence.

The County of Flint, the Sum of One hundred and sixteen Pounds six shillings and eight pence.

The County of Glamorgan, the Sum of Three hundred ninety and three Pounds six shillings and eight pence.

The County of Merioneth, the Sum of One hundred and six Pounds thirteen shillings and four pence.

The County of Montgomery, the Sum of Two hundred fifty three Pounds six shillings and eight pence.

The County of Pembroke, the Sum of Three hundred forty eight Pounds.

The County of Radnor, the Sum of Two hundred and eighteen Pounds.

The Town of Haverford-West, the Sum of Twelve Pounds and ten shillings.

The Town of Berwick, the Sum of Five Pounds.

By which Agreement and Declaration of his Highnels and his Council, It is Provided, That in case the Moneys arising

sing by the Customs and other the Revenues therein mentioned, should be improved and amount to a greater Yearly value then they were at the time of making the said Agreement, or any other Revenue or Moneys shall be added or accrew to the Use of the Commonwealth, in such Case there shall be a proportionable Abatement of the said Monethly Assessment; His Highness the Lord Protector and his Counsel, in pursuance of the said twenty seventh Article of the Government, and of the said Agreement and Declaration aforesaid, and for preventing the Burthen and Evils attending Free-quarter, which must otherwise unavoidably fall upon this Nation; Do Declare and Order, That the said Sum of Threescore thousand Pounds by the Moneth for Six Moneths, commencing from the said Five and Twentieth day of December One thousand six hundred fifty four, and ending the Four and twentieth day of June One thousand six hundred fifty five, shall be Tared, Assessed, Levied, Collected and Paid in the several Counties and Places, in such maner, and by such ways and means, and according to the several Rates and Proportions before hereby set down and expressed; And do Order and Require the several Commissioners and other Persons nominated and mentioned in the before-mentioned Act, and such others, as by any Order of that Parliament, or of his Highness the Lord Protector and his Council, have been since added as Commissioners, or so many of them as by the said

Act

Act are thereunto respectively authorized, to Use, Exercise and put in Execution all and every the Powers and Authorities for the Assessing, Levying, Collecting and Paying the present Six Moneths Assessment hereby appointed; as also the Arrears of all former Assessments, which they had or were impowered to Use and Exercise by the said recited Act, for the Assessing, Collecting, Levying and Payment of the aforesaid Six Moneths Assessment of One hundred and twenty thousand Pounds by the Moneth: And for the better effecting thereof, the several and respective Commissioners for the said respective Counties, Cities and Towns, shall meet together at the most common and usual place of Meeting, in each of the said Counties, Cities and Towns respectively, on or before the Twentieth day of February, One thousand six hundred fifty four; And the said Commissioners, or so many of them as shall then and there attend and be present, shall put this present Order in execution, for the Directing, Managing, Levying and Bringing in the said Monethly Assessment hereby required; and shall then, if they see cause, appoint a second General Meeting on or before the First day of March then next following, to the end the Rules and Directions aforesaid may be as is before declared, timely prosecuted and observed, so as the full Sum of the first Three Moneths Assessment, charged upon each Division, Hundred, Parish and Place, may be at once Wholly Collected and Paid in to the respective Receivers-General at or before the Twentieth day of March, One thou-

thouland six hundred fifty four, and the last for Three Monethes Assessment to be also fully Collected and Paid in to the respective Receivers-General, at or before the Twentieth day of May then next following. And it is further Ordered, That in case the way and maner of Assessing by a Survey and Pound-rate, in such sort as is prescribed by the said recited Act, shall prove prejudicial and obstructive to the Bringing in of the Six Monethes Assessment aforesaid, by the times limited for paying in of the same; That then, and in all such cases, the said Commissioners in any of the said Counties, Cities, Towns and Places in the said Act mentioned, where such Obstructions shall be or happen, or the major part of them present at their General Meeting, may, and are hereby Authorized for the Removal of such Obstructions, to proceed according to the most just and equal way of Rates held in such places, in the Proportioning, Levying and Assessing the respective Sums charged upon them and every of them, according to the Directions of an Ordinance of the Eighth of June, One thousand six hundred fifty four, for an Assessment for Six Monethes thereby appointed: And the several and respective Commissioners, Receivers-General, Collectors, Sub-Collectors, and all other persons, who are or shall be Intrusted or Employed in the Assessing, Levying, Collecting or Receiving of the said Six Monethes Assessments, or any part thereof, are hereby enjoyned and required to observe such Orders and Directions as shall from time to time be made and given forth by the Commissioners

sioners for the Treasury, or by the Committee of Commissioners for the Army, or any three of them, in and concerning the premises. Provided always, and it is hereby Ordered, That in stead of the Treasurers at Wars mentioned in the said Act, the Receivers-Generall for this whole Sir Moneths Assessment, shall be, and are hereby authorized and empowered to Receive from the Receivers-General of the respective Counties, Cities and Places, and every of them, All and every the Summs of Money hereby to be Layd, Assessed, Levyed, Collected and Paid for the said Sir Moneths Assessment, or otherwise as aforesaid; and to give Acquittances and Discharges, and to make such Allowances in and about the premises, in as full and ample maner to all intents and purposes, as the Treasurers at war (mentioned in the said Act) by the said Act, or by one Ordinance of the Nine and twentieth day of June, One thousand six hundred fifty four, Entituled, An Ordinance for Continuing a Committee for the Army, and Treasurers at War, were impowered and enabled to do: And the said Receivers-General of the respective Counties, Cities and Places, and every of them, are hereby Authorized and Required to make Payment of the said several Sums which shall be by them received of all and every Collector and Sub-Collector by vertue hereof, unto John Blackwel the younger, and Richard Dean, Esquires, Receivers-Generall for this whole Sir Moneths Assessment, at Guild-Hall London, to be by them paid into, and accompted for in the Receipt of his highness Exchequer; and that all and every the

the Acquittance and Acquittances of the ſaid Receivers-General for this whole Six Moneths Aſſeſſment, ſhall be unto the ſaid Receivers-General for the ſaid reſpective Counties, Cities and Places, and to all other perſons who ſhall by vertue hereof pay any Moneys unto them for the purpoſes aforeſaid, a ſufficient Diſcharge.

Thurſday the Eighth of February, 1654.

ORdered by His Highneſs the Lord Protector and the Council, That this Order and Declaration be forthwith printed and publiſhed.

Hen: Scobell, Clerk of the Council.

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the Acquittance and Acquittances of the said Receivers-General for this whole Sir Monethys Assessment, shall be unto the said Receivers-General for the said respective Counties, Cities and Places, and to all other persons who shall by vertue hereof pay any Moneys unto them for the purposes aforesaid, a sufficient Discharge.

Thursday the Eighth of February, 1654.

ORdered by His Highness the Lord Protector and the Council, That this Order and Declaration be forthwith printed and published.

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